

President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Science Agencies". Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President.

BARRIERS TO OPPORTUNITY: DO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAWS UNFAIRLY LIMIT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND JOBS?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled "Barriers to Opportunity: Do Occupational Licensing Laws Unfairly Limit Entrepreneurship and Jobs?". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs". Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, United States Coast Guard; Master Chief Michael P. Leavitt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard; Paul "Chip" N. Jaenichen, Sr., Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration; and Mario Cordero, Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2018, the "Honor Those Who Served Act of 2013"; H.R. 2088, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to establish claims adjudication centers of excellence; H.R. 2119, the "Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act"; H.R. 2529, the "Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act"; H.R. 3671, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for a medallion furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to signify the veteran status of a deceased individual; H.R. 3876, the "Burial with Dignity for Heroes Act of 2014"; H.R. 4095, the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2014"; H.R. 4102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that the estate of a deceased veteran may receive certain accrued benefits upon the death of the veteran, and for other purposes; H.R. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for excess property of the National Cemetery Administration that is unsuitable for burial purposes; and H.R. 4191, the "Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act". Testi-

mony was heard from the following Representatives: Green; Walz; Denham; and Stivers; and Thomas Murphy, Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

QUANTITATIVE EASING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unwinding quantitative easing, focusing on how the Fed should promote stable prices, economic growth, and job creation, after receiving testimony from John B. Taylor, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving testimony from Daniel M. Dellinger, The American Legion, Vienna, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be followed by a closed session in SVC-217 at approximately 11:15 a.m., 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and subcommittee assignments, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine MAP-21 reauthorization, focusing on state and local perspectives on transportation priorities and funding, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine powering Africa's future, focusing on the Power Africa Initiative, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for borrowers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sherry Moore Trafford, and Steven M. Wellner, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1720, to promote transparency in patent ownership and make other improvements to the patent system, and the nominations of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Tanya S. Chutkan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, M. Hannah Lauck, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Leo T. Sorokin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights and Agency Action, to hold hearings to examine access to justice for those who serve, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, hearing on Food and Drug Administration FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, hearing on the National Science Foundation FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on United States Army FY 2015 Budget, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Veterans Affairs FY 2015 Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Operation and Maintenance without OCO Funds: What Now?, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup on H.R. 3283, the "Integrated Public Alert and

Warning System Modernization Act of 2013"; H.R. 4263, the "Social Media Working Group Act of 2014"; and H.R. 4289, the "Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Over-Criminalization Task Force, hearing on Over-federalization, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Advances in Earthquake Science: 50th Anniversary of the Great Alaskan Quake", 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4002, to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3822, the "Fort Wingate Land Division Act of 2014", 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space, hearing entitled "A Review of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Budget for Fiscal Year 2015", 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 183, the "Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act"; H.R. 2527, the to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training; H.R. 2661, the "Veterans Access to Timely Medical Appointments Act"; H.R. 2974, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility for beneficiary travel for veterans seeking treatment or care for military sexual trauma in specialized outpatient or residential programs at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3508, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the qualifications of hearing aid specialists of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to include contracts and grants for residential care for veterans in the exception to the requirement that the Federal Government recover a portion of the value of certain projects; H.R. 3387, the "Classified Veterans Access to Care Act"; H.R. 3831, the "Veterans Dialysis Pilot Program Review Act of 2014"; H.R. 4198, the "Appropriate Care for Disabled Veterans Act"; and legislation to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities", 9 a.m., 304-HVC. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on the highs and lows in United States-Russia relations, 1 p.m., 2103, Rayburn Building.